

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-9 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please add new claims 10-18 as follows:

LISTING OF CURRENT CLAIMS

Claims 1-9. (Canceled)

Claim 10. (New) An end securing device for a telescopic tube having inner and outer tubes, the end securing device comprising:

two vacuum suckers, each of the two vacuum suckers being located at one of two opposing ends of the telescopic tube and having:

- 5 a) a suction cup movable between first and second positions and having:
 - i) a conic suction space located on first end thereof; and
 - ii) a driven post protruding from a second end thereof;
- b) a retaining piece engaging the second end of the suction cup on a first end thereof and having:
 - 10 i) a registration column located on a second end thereof and having a central through hole; and
 - ii) a pair of opposite stop ribs symmetrically positioned on a wall of the central through hole;
- c) a control piece rotatably engaging the retaining piece and having:
 - 15 i) a coupling groove located at a first end thereof;
 - ii) a pair of oblique conic sliding guide plates symmetrically positioned on an interior of the coupling groove and threadedly engaging the pair of opposite stop ribs;
 - iii) a receiving chamber located at a second end thereof; and
 - 20 iv) an engaging through hole communicating with the coupling groove and the receiving chamber, the driven post being inserted into the engaging through hole; and

- d) an activation piece inserted into the receiving chamber of the control piece and is connected to the driven post,
- 25 wherein, when the suction cup is in the first position, the control piece and the retaining piece are rotated to engage the registration column with a stop ring of the control piece, the control piece moving the activation piece toward the first end of the suction cup making the conic suction space smaller; and,
- 30 wherein, when the suction cup is in the second position, the control piece and the retaining piece are rotated to space the registration column apart from the stop ring, the control piece moving the activation piece away from the first end of the suction cup making the conic suction space larger.

Claim 11. (New) The end securing device according to claim 10, wherein the driven post has an external threaded section on an outer periphery thereof.

Claim 12. (New) The end securing device according to claim 10, wherein the suction cup has two annular inserting ribs located on an outer periphery thereof and an annular inserting rib located between the two annular inserting ribs.

Claim 13. (New) The end securing device according to claim 10, wherein the retaining piece includes a conic retaining chamber having a concaved interior communicating with the central through hole of the registration column and two annular abutting ribs extending from the first end of the retaining piece and forming an engaging groove there between.

Claim 14. (New) The end securing device according to claim 10, wherein each of the pair of opposite stop ribs having a step-wise engaging leg located on an end thereof.

Claim 15. (New) The end securing device according to claim 10, wherein each of the pair of oblique conic sliding guide plates having an L-shaped located leg located at an end opposite the stop ring and a level limiting plane located on a lateral side thereof.

Claim 16. (New) The end securing device according to claim 10, wherein the control piece having a ball shaped push block located on an exterior periphery thereof.

Claim 17. (New) The end securing device according to claim 10, wherein one of the inner and outer tubes is inserted into the receiving chamber of the control piece.

Claim 18. (New) The end securing device according to claim 10, wherein the activation piece includes a hexagonal linkage rod located on a first end thereof having a screw hole and a support section located on a second end thereof, the driven post is threadedly connected to the screw hole, the support section having a diameter larger than a diameter of the hexagonal linkage rod.